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Applicant(s): Morihiro IWATA et al.

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For: PARALLEL DATABASE SYSTEM RETRIEVAL METHOD OF A
RELATIONAL DATABASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM USING
INITIAL DATA RETRIEVAL QUERY AND SUBSEQUENT SUB-
DATA UTILIZATION QUERY PROCESSING FOR MINIMIZING
QUERY TIME (AS AMENDED)

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

April 30, 2001

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of February 7, 2001, the following amendments and remarks are submitted in the above-identified application. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please **amend** claims 36-44 and 49, as follows:

1 **36. (Amended)** A data processing method in a database system, comprising the steps

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of:

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